

To learn more about elections in Arkansas  
and around the nation, log onto

[www.sos.arkansas.gov](http://www.sos.arkansas.gov)

[www.wannabeheard.org](http://www.wannabeheard.org)

[www.nationalmockelection.com](http://www.nationalmockelection.com)

or any of these other informative sites:

Arkansas Democratic Party

[www.arkdems.org](http://www.arkdems.org)

Arkansas Republican Party

[www.arkansasgop.org](http://www.arkansasgop.org)

Ben's Guide to Government

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/index.html>

Federal Election Commission

[www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov)

Federal Voter Assistance Program

[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

FirstGov for Kids

[www.kids.gov](http://www.kids.gov)

Local Census Facts

<http://quickfacts.census.gov>

MSN Kids

<http://special.msn.com/weeklyreader>

MSNBC Legislative Action Center

<https://ssl.capwiz.com/msnbc/home>

National Student/Parent Mock Election

[www.nationalmockelection.com/index.html](http://www.nationalmockelection.com/index.html)

PBS Kids Democracy

[www.pbs.org/democracy/kids](http://www.pbs.org/democracy/kids)

Project Vote Smart

[www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)

Rock the Vote

[www.rockthevote.com](http://www.rockthevote.com)

White House Kids Page

[www.whitehouse.gov/kids](http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids)



The Arkansas Secretary of State's office  
conducts a variety of student voter  
education projects including:

✧ National Student-Parent Mock Election

✧ National Young Voters Month

✧ ELECT Internships

and coming in September...

✧ [www.soskids.arkansas.gov](http://www.soskids.arkansas.gov)



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**National  
Student/Parent  
Mock Election**

The nation's largest  
voter education project

**October 28, 2004**



Arkansas Secretary of State  
**Charlie Daniels**

# Voices & Choices

Did you know that the United States has the lowest voter turnout rates among any of the world's democracies?

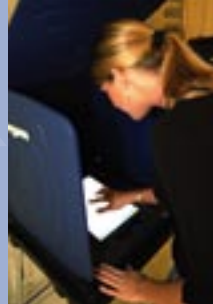
Does it surprise you that more than 24 million people voted in American Idol, but only 8 million voters under age 24 voted in the 2000 presidential election?

Americans under the age of 18 make up the largest population group in the nation's history, but studies show their interest in voting is at an all-time low. It's time to reverse the tide and show young Americans how powerful their voice can be.

The **National Mock Election** program engages students in an event that's all your own.

"The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men."

— President Lyndon B. Johnson



"Our young voters are great at getting registered, but then so few of them actually turn out to vote. The Mock Election program offers students a hands-on experience that shows how important their participation really is."

— Charlie Daniels  
Arkansas Secretary of State

Secretary of State Charlie Daniels invites you to join other classrooms across Arkansas for this year's National Student-Parent Mock Election program. Get involved through a range of activities such as:

- ★ Registering **new voters** among friends, family and neighbors over age 18.
- ★ Asking loved ones for their **pledge to vote** on Nov. 2.
- ★ Sharing ideas and joining debates online through the **Mock Election Blog**.
- ★ Writing a 250 word essay on the **importance of voting** and ideas for involving more young voters. The winning entry will be published in the Secretary of State's newsletter.
- ★ Voting on Mock Election Day, **October 28**, and reporting your results for the national tally.
- ★ Attending a **Mock Election Watch Party** at the State Capitol with Arkansas public officials.

To enroll your class or find out more, call 501.682.3470 or log onto [www.sos.arkansas.gov](http://www.sos.arkansas.gov)

The nation's largest voter education project, the National Student/Parent Mock Election shows students and parents the power of their ballot by involving them in a full-fledged campaign and national election.

In the last two presidential elections alone, more than 10 million students, parents and teachers participated in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and 14 countries and territories around the world where Americans are based.

This year in Arkansas, you can take part by expressing your own ideas about hot-button issues and voicing your choice for Congressional and Presidential contenders.

But, perhaps even more importantly, your involvement can actually make a difference in the Nov. 2 General Election — simply by encouraging the voters you know to go to the polls.

So sign up today  
and be a voice in the  
**Student-Parent Mock Election!**

"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or exercise their revolutionary right to overthrow it."

— President Abraham Lincoln

